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Title: **VARIABLE LENGTH DECODER FOR DECODING DIGITALLY
 ENCODED VIDEO SIGNALS**
Our Ref. No.: SONY-32DV2

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In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. The instant application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Serial No. 10/419,507, filed April 21, 2003 which is a divisional of

co-pending U.S. Serial No. 09/280,437, filed March 29, 1999, which claims the filing benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/085,797, filed May 18, 1998. The cited references were cited by the Applicants and/or the Examiner in Serial No. 09/280,437. Since priority is claimed in the instant application to Serial No. 09/280,437, copies of the references are not being supplied herewith under the authority of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). No admission is made that the cited art represents the prior art or that the cited art is the most material art.

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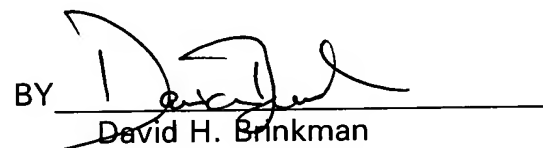
It is submitted that the cited references do not disclose or render obvious the subject matter claimed in the present application.

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